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In re Application of :
Gil H. Choi et al :
Serial No.: 09/765,271 : WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT
Filed: January 22, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No.: PB340P2C3 :
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This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed January 28, 2003, requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment of the above identified application.

A review of the file history shows that the Office mailed a first Office action to applicants on June 7, 2002, setting a one month shortened statutory period for reply. Applicants replied on October 7, 2002 (facsimile transmission date) and the reply was received by the Office as evidenced by an Office return fax transmission. The reply, consisting of a request for a three month extension of time and fee therefor, has not been located. The examiner mailed a Notice of Abandonment to applicants on January 9, 2003, indicating no reply had been received. The copy of the reply which accompanied the petition will be used in lieu of the original reply. In view of the timely reply the Notice of Abandonment mailed January 9, 2003, is considered to have been mailed in error and is hereby withdrawn.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for further consideration.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact William R. Dixon, Jr. by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, DC 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.


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